

SENATE BILL No. 211

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-2-14-20.

Synopsis: Autopsy costs. Provides that if a death occurs in one Indiana county as a result of an incident that occurred in another Indiana county, and if an autopsy is performed in the county in which the death occurred, the coroner of the county in which the death occurred is required to bill the county in which the incident causing death occurred to recover the cost of the autopsy.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-2-14-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.271-2001,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and
4 IC 4-24-4-1, if

5 (1) ~~an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an Indiana~~
6 ~~county:~~

7 (A) ~~in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is located;~~

8 ~~and~~

9 (B) ~~of which the individual is not a resident; and~~

10 (2) ~~an autopsy is performed on the individual:~~

11 (A) ~~in the county in which the individual died; and~~

12 (B) ~~under the authority of the county coroner in the discharge~~
13 ~~of the coroner's duties;~~

14 ~~an Indiana resident:~~

15 (1) ~~dies in an Indiana county as a result of an incident that~~
16 ~~occurred in another Indiana county; and~~

17 (2) ~~is the subject of an autopsy performed under the authority~~



1 **and duties of the county coroner of the county where the**
2 **death occurred;**

3 the county coroner shall bill the county in which the incident occurred
4 ~~that caused the death of the individual on whom the autopsy was~~
5 ~~performed~~ for the cost of the autopsy, including the physician fee under
6 section 6(d) of this chapter.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) and IC 4-24-4-1, payment
8 for the costs of an autopsy requested by a party other than the:

9 (1) county prosecutor; or

10 (2) county coroner;

11 of the county in which the individual died must be made by the party
12 requesting the autopsy.

13 **(c) This section does not preclude the coroner of a county in**
14 **which a death occurs from attempting to recover autopsy costs**
15 **from the jurisdiction outside Indiana where the incident that**
16 **caused the death occurred.**

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